

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has subjected the pending claims to a Lack of Unity because, according to the Restriction Requirement, the special technical feature of "a general formula (IA) or (IB)" allegedly does not define a contribution to the art over DE 19962928. See Restriction Requirement at page 3. The Examiner requires that Applicants elect one of the following eight inventions:

- I. An imidazotriazinone compound or composition of the formula (IA), where A is N and B is N, according to Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 8-11.
- II. An imidazotriazinone compound or composition of the formula (IA), where A is N and B is CH, according to Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 8-11.
- III. An imidazotriazinone compound or composition of the formula (IA), where A is CH and B is N, according to Claims 1-2, 4-6, and 8-11.
- IV. An imidazotriazinone compound or composition of the formula (IA), where A is CH and B is CH, according to Claims 1-2, and 4-11.
- V. An imidazotriazinone compound or composition of the formula (IB), where A is N and B is N, according to Claims 1,3-5, and 8-11.
- VI. An imidazotriazinone compound or composition of the formula (IB), where A is N and B is CH, according to Claims 1,3-5, and 8-11.
- VII. An imidazotriazinone compound or composition of the formula (IB), where A is CH and B is N, according to Claims 1, 3-6, and 8-11.
- VIII. An imidazotriazinone compound or composition of the formula (IB), where A is CH and B is CH, according to Claims 1, and 3-11.

Election

Applicants hereby provisionally elect **Group IV** (claims 1-2 and 4-11), drawn to an imidazotriazinone compound or composition of the formula (IA), where A is CH and B is CH **with traverse**. Applicants respectfully submit that A should be "CR⁴" and not "CH" in Group IV. Indeed, as recited in the claims A is "N or CR⁴." Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) directed to the non-elected subject matter.

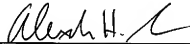
CONCLUSION

Applicants maintain that the Restriction Requirement is improper and that claims 1-11 should be examined together. If the Examiner believes that prosecution may be advanced by discussing the application with Applicants' representatives, in person or over the telephone, Applicants welcome the opportunity to do so.

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